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Department of Real Estate partners with Apache County to ensure consumer protection

PHOENIX – While visiting communities throughout Arizona, Sam Wercinski, Commissioner for the Department of Real Estate and his staff heard a common concern - illegal subdividing hurts communities. Commissioner Wercinski points out that consumers, taxpayers and reputable developers are harmed by these schemes and local leaders must attempt to bring substandard infrastructure to minimum standards without any additional resources. Unsuspecting buyers discover water and utilities are unavailable contrary to what they are told; and legal developers must compete with an illegal subdivider who gains unfair advantages by not disclosing important information to buyers nor makes the necessary investments to ensure proper infrastructure.

After open dialog with County officials, community leaders and industry, Commissioner Wercinski proposed the idea of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that he believes will set a new course of cooperation and strengthens the relationship between counties and ADRE. The IGA underscores the Department's shift in focus and resources to combat illegal subdivisions across Arizona. The goal is for cases to be dealt with more efficiently and timely and also to deter new illegal activity.

On February 5, 2008 Apache County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the IGA. Apache County joins Cochise and Gila Counties in teaming with ADRE to eliminate illegal subdivisions.

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